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CENTRAL STATION DISPATCHER (38E)

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this period of instruction, the student will correctly indicate the following on a written examination, or demonstrate during practical exercises, in accordance with the instruction provided:

- 1. The general components of alarm monitoring operations;
- 2. The skills required to function as a Central Station Dispatcher;
- 3. The requirements for the training and registration of a Central Station Dispatcher;
- 4. The duties and responsibilities of a Central Station Dispatcher;
- 5. The equipment and testing procedures utilized in the central station;
- 6. Alarm receivers, their operation and procedures for use;
- 7. The central station telephone system, its operation and procedures for use;
- 8. The proper maintenance procedures for operational equipment;
- 9. The central station automation system, its operation and procedures for use;
- 10. The entry of data into the automated system;
- 11. The steps required to research, compile and relay alarm history information;
- 12. The procedures for assisting technicians in the installation, servicing and testing of alarm systems;
- 13. Procedures for dealing with the failure of central station systems;
- 14. The procedures utilized to ascertain the identity of the client, key holder, or designated contact person;
- 15. The ethical and legal obligations pertaining to confidentiality;
- 16. Terms relating to the legal issues involved in the monitoring of alarm systems;
- 17. All elements of the communications cycle;
- 18. The importance and use of clear diction and proper pronunciation;
- 19. The need to refrain from "technical" language in discussions;
- 20. The general procedures for notification of key holders or contact persons;

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- 21. The procedures for verification of an alarm;
- 22. The difference between inferences and fact;
- 23. The causes of stress, bodily reactions, and methods utilized to control stress;
- 24. The procedures for relay of information to a "911" or other emergency services center;
- 25. Successful techniques to be utilized to instruct end users in the proper operation of their alarm systems;
- 26. The requirements of local ordinances applicable to Central Station Dispatchers.